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OF

TEYLER'S THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE Members of TEYLER'S *Theological Society*, have at their laſt Meeting, thought proper to propoſe the following Queſtion.

" The Proofs for the Divinity of the Chriſtian " Revelations, are generally divided into Two " Claſſes, namely, *The Inward*, that is, ſuch as are " drawn from the Nature and Spirit, or from the " Tendency of the Doctrine therein contained, " and *The Outward*, by which are underſtood thoſe " which are founded upon the Authenticity of the " Evangelical Writings, and upon the Truth of the " therein related Hiſtories, more eſpecially, of the " wonderful Works of JESUS and his Apoſtles.— " Many upright and able Defenders of *Chriſtianity*, " have thought, that there is between theſe Two " Sorts of Proof, a very near, even an inſeparable " Connection, ſo that, The One, cannot have ſuffi- " cient Force, without the other. Others on the " Contrary have contented themſelves with One of " theſe Two Proofs; and ſome, principally of our " later Writers on this Subject, have endeavoured " to maintain, That the *firſt Proof* alone may be " deemed ſatisfactory enough, entirely to omit the " ſecond, or at leaſt ſufficiently ſo, to paſs over its

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" Merits without Diſcuſſion. The Society therefore " inquires, whether, *The Inward Proof, deduced* " *from the Goodneſs and Godlike Nature, or from the* " *Tendency of the Chriſtian Doctrine, to the Promo-* " *tion of Human Happineſs, is ſufficient to prove, that,* " *That Doctrine is truly Divine, that is, that* JESUS " *and the Apoſtles were really commiſſioned by God to* " *preach it.--Or is it neceſſary, in order to produce a* " *well-founded Conviction, upon this Point, to have* " *Recourſe to the Outward Proof, which reſts upon* " *the Evangelical Hiſtory, and the Miracles wrought* " *by the firſt Teachers of that Doctrine?*"

The Lovers of Free Religious Inquiry, are invited to ſend their Sentiments on this Propoſition, addreſſed to the *Foundation Houſe of the late* Mr. PIETER TEYLER VANDER HULST, *near the Sleeper's Hoofd at Haarlem*, before the 1ſt of December 1794, in order to be decided upon before the 8th of April 1795. The honorary Prize or Reward to the Author of the beſt Anſwer, will be a Gold Medal of the intrinſic Value of *Four Hundred Dutch Guilders.*

Every Perſon who by preſenting a Treatiſe becomes a Candidate for the Prize of Honour, muſt forward ſuch Treatiſe ſealed, and ſigned only with a Device or Motto, encloſing on a ſeparate Paper, ſealed and ſuperſcribed with the ſame Motto, the Author's Name and Addreſs. They are alſo requeſted to ſend their Treatiſe in good legible Writing in *Dutch, Latin, French,* or *Engliſh.*